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LONDON: A dispatch to the Central News from Tokio says that a big oil warehouse at Port Arthur is blazing furiously, and that the position of the besieged is such that the Japanese are urging them to surrender. The sortie of the Russian warships from Port Arthur is regarded as a confirmation of previous reports that the Japanese have occupied an important land position, the fire from which compelled the Russian vessels to leave the harbor. It is not thought that they returned to their former anchorage after the sortie.

Junks which left Port Arthur on August 13 report that heavy fighting was in progress.

ST. PETERSBURG: News of the defeat of the Vladivostock squadron has added another crushing blow to the reverses before Port Arthur. No public announcement has yet been made of the sinking of the Rurik. The Che Foo report of the sortie of the Russian war ships from Port Arthur naturally cannot be confirmed, and the admiralty is puzzled to know whether it refers to the ships which remained in the harbor when the main squadron went out on August 10, or to the ships of the late Admiral Witthoef's original squadron. In either event, however, it is construed as evidence that the shells of the Japanese land batteries are falling on the harbor, rendering it impossible for ships to remain there any longer. It is interpreted in some quarters as indicating the eve of the storming of the fortress.

The opinion is growing that the heavy losses sustained by the Port Arthur fleet may completely alter the plans regarding the Baltic squadron, a division of which is cruising in the gulf ready to sail.

LONDON: Port Arthur's day of doom has come, in the opinion of military experts, and news of the fall of the fortress is expected almost at any moment. The Japanese have begun what is believed to be their final assault, and after several days of continued fighting they are raining shot and shell upon the place from a commanding position on Laing mountain, close to the harbor and the inner forts.

At sea Admiral Togo is declared to be aiding with his heavy naval guns, and the crippled ships of the Port Arthur squadron, driven out by the merciless fire of the besieging army, have steamed out to meet their fate.

Aiding the murderous fire from Laing mountain, the Japanese are reported to have heavy siege guns planted on the Liaut hills and at Sushiyen. These two batteries are fewer than three miles north of the fortress. The guns that the Japanese have carried forward in their advance are heavy ordnance. The effect of their fire at this short range must be murderous in the extreme.

The Russian cruiser Novik is reported to have been sunk forty miles off Tsing Chau. There is no confirmation of this, however, although the presence of a detachment of fast Japanese cruisers is reported off that port, whither they had followed the Czarevitch and the three destroyers, and this lends color to the report.

TWO IN A WEEK

Japanese Victorious Over Russians in Two Battles

Following closely on the heels of the naval fight off Port Arthur, in which Admiral Togo scattered the Russian fleet, sinking the Pallada and rendering the battleship Czarevitch useless, another Japanese fleet, composed of powerful cruisers, met and defeated the Russian Vladivostock squadron in the strait between Japan and Korea. In this action, which occurred Sunday morning, the Russian armored cruiser Rurik was sunk and serious damage inflicted upon the Gromobio and Rossia, the two most powerful armored cruisers Russian had in eastern waters.

Of the Port Arthur fleet, defeated and dispersed in the battle with Togo, but little has been learned. The battleship Czarevitch lies injured and dismantled at Tsing Chan, the protected cruiser Pallada is sunk, the protected cruiser Askold is lying injured near Shanghai, the protected cruiser Novik is damaged, but put to sea after stopping at Tsing Tau, and at least two torpedo boat destroyers have been dismantled. The whereabouts of the remainder of the Port Arthur fleet is not given out, but the ships probably returned to the harbor.

IN SELF-DEFENSE

Two Brothers-in-Law Have an Encounter—One Was Killed

McLOUD: This city is wrought up with excitement over an encounter between brothers-in-law, which resulted in the death of one of the principals. The men involved were J. A. Gilliland, proprietor of the Florence hotel, and Sam Cavett, a drayman and dealer in real estate.

Family troubles caused the fight, which resulted in the death of Gilliland.

According to the information, the men were enemies, because of family troubles of long standing. Gilliland, it is alleged, became partly intoxicated and armed himself with a revolver. He came to town and, while passing the Florence hotel, of which he is the proprietor, met Cavett. A word or two was passed, and before the passerby could realize the situation, Gilliland drew a revolver and leveled it at Cavett. Cavett, it is said, before Gilliland could use his revolver, drew a knife and cut his brother-in-law's throat from ear to ear and also stabbed him in two places.

Cavett was placed under arrest and was released on a bond of \$5,000.

CHECKING UP THE TREASURER

A Committee Appointed by the Governor to Go Over the Books

GUTHRIE: A committee named by Governor Ferguson, and composed of Harve C. Olds, Walter Warren and W. H. Merten, has begun the work of checking up the records and monies in the hands of the territorial treasurer. The territorial statutes gives the governor the power to have such an accounting made at any time he may see fit. Olds is the democratic member of the committee. He is an attorney and newspaper man. Merten was several times a member of the legislature as a republican—always a strong Flynn man—and Walter Warren is the white republican leader of the Fifth ward. Mr. Warren is also clerk of the Guthrie school board.

Cresceus' Time Equalled

NEW YORK: Major Delmar was sent to beat 2:02 1/4 without a runner in front. The champion gelding came to the wire with a strong breeze blowing. With a runner on each side of him, but none in front, he went to the quarter in 0:31; to the half in 1:04 1/4; to the three-quarters in 1:30 1/4, and came home in 2:02 1/4, thus equaling the Cresceus record.

RIOT IN CHICAGO

One Man Killed Instantly and a Number Were Injured

CHICAGO: During a riot in the stock yards one man was shot and killed instantly and three other men were injured by bullets.

A crowd of men and women strike sympathizers had gathered at Fortieth street and Emerald avenue, where, according to the rules of the railroad company, it is necessary for all trains leaving the stock yards to stop. A long train filled with Greeks and negroes from the yards stopped, and when the strike sympathizers began to hoot and jeer the non-union men and press closer to the sides of the cars the men inside opened fire.

Andrew Nebroutski was killed at almost the first shot. Harry Hanson, who was standing close by him, was wounded a second later, and a man named Ryan and another named O'Mara were hit as the crowd ran away from the cars.

A riot call was turned in and forty policemen, headed by Inspector Hunt, Captain Clancy and Lieutenant Downey, hurried to the scene. The police ordered that every door and window of the train be closed, and a dozen officers, headed by Lieutenant Downey, passed through each coach in search of weapons, while the remaining force beat back the great crowd that had come up.

MORE SCHOOL MONEY NEEDED

Appropriation by Congress for Indian Territory Too Small

MUSKOGEE: J. D. Benedict, superintendent of Indian Territory schools, with the aid of the various tribal supervisors, has about completed plans for the apportionment of the \$100,000 appropriation, which congress provided for strengthening and increasing day schools. The appropriation, Mr. Benedict says, has been found insufficient for the present demands. One-half of it must necessarily be spent to strengthen the tribal schools so as to admit white children, and the remaining \$50,000 will pay for only 150 new institutions, when, in fact, at least 500 are needed.

Mr. Benedict, in his opinion, says that at least \$50,000 more should be appropriated for schools next year, and he is preparing to urge congress to look after the matter. It has also been suggested that congress should do something during the coming session in regard to providing a system after the tribal schools are abolished in 1906. After March 1 of that year there will be no Indian schools, and unless provision is made beforehand very few of any sort will exist.

DR. LIGHTLE SURRENDERS

He is Charged With Grave Robbery and Arson

LITTLE ROCK ARK.: A special dispatch to the Little Rock Gazette from Searcy, Ark., says:

"Dr. R. G. Lightle, who was supposed to have been burned to death in his barn here during the night of May 22 last, and upon whose life various insurance companies have paid policies amounting to about \$20,000, returned here and surrendered to the local officers.

"Dr. Lightle says that he was engaged in dissecting a human body in his barn when he discovered the fire in the building and he fled from Searcy because he feared that the Searcy because he feared that the might be prosecuted for grave robbing.

"He is in jail in default of \$5,000 bonds. The charge against him are those of arson and grave robbery.

Joe Heydon is now building a big gin plant at Wheeler and will use natural gas for fuel. This will be the first cotton gin in the territory to utilize gas. The Chickasaw nation will make this year almost twice as much cotton as it did in 1903.

WORKED TO INCREASE HEIGHT.

Soldier Successful by Means of the Cartilage System.

Although Sergt. Burr of Company H, Second Regiment of Worcester, Mass., will not wear the stripes of a Lieutenant, having been defeated by



Sergt. Bennett, he will nevertheless from now on see more of the world than ever before for his horizon has been broadened by an increase in height of three-quarters of an inch. This growth he has obtained in less than six weeks, by faithfully subjecting himself to what is known as the cartilage system.

How Sergt. Burr grew three-quarters of an inch at the age of 35 years is an interesting story, and according to all accounts the last chapter is not yet finished, as Sergt. Burr is still growing tall. This remarkable growth was really due to a stretching process used twice a day, until little by little the cartilages were pulled apart. Now Sergt. Burr is within a quarter of an inch of being 5 feet 5 inches tall, whereas his height before he began the treatment was only 5 feet 4 inches.

Golf Ball in Bird's Nest.

To find your ball in a lark's nest is rather a curiosity in the way of a golf hazard. Yet this circumstance occurred the other day in a mixed foursome which was being played over North Berwick links. The caddy, in his search for the ball, found it lying in a lark's nest containing four eggs.

Everting Eyelid.



If a cinder gets into your eye beneath the upper eyelid have some one draw the lid downward and forward and turn it over a thin lead pencil. Meanwhile look down, and the intruding body can be gently brushed away with a soft handkerchief.